

**REMARKS**

The present Preliminary Amendment has been entered to amend claim 1.

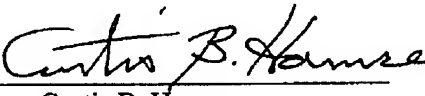
Applicant respectfully requests that the present Amendment be entered prior to an initial Official Action on the present application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Curtis B. Hamre (Reg. No. 29,165), at (612) 455.3802.

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